Written Answers

Foreign Visits sponsored by IRCON

1922. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Construction Company Limited (IRCON) has sponsored foreign visits of private individuals involving out-go of foreign exchange, including payments of their air passage;
- (b) if so, the details therof, including circumstances under which these visits were sponsored:
- (c) whether the Governnment have also recieved complaints about financial and administrative irrregularities in IRCON;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) the action taken/proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Interest Free Loans

1923. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any scheme to provide interest free loans for self-employment to these unemployed who have not got any job even after passing of 5 years of getting themselves registered with the Employment Exchanges; and

(b) if so, the number of such unemployed youth who have been given loans till November, 1996, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Complaints against Western Railway Authorities

1924. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have recieved any complaints against Western Railway authorities regarding charges of violation of Railway rules pertaining to the recruitment/promotion/posting and allotment of accomodation to the persons belonging to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Western Railway administration have received representations-cum-complaints from employees including Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes(SC/STs) regarding clarification on promotional policy arising out of various judgements passed by the Central Administrative Tribunals(CAT). Based on the facts and as per extant rules the representations/complaints have been disposed of and in some cases the position have been clarified to the